

Getting involved in Earth Day

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This year marks the 36th annual Earth Day celebration. The first Earth Day in 1970 rallied over 20 million Americans from around the country and on college campuses to get involved in environmental "teach-ins," resulting in the largest grassroots mobilization in U.S. history.

Out of these events emerged what has come to be known as the environmental movement and the first environmental legislation, the Clean Air and Clean Water acts.

Aberdeen Proving Ground continues to do its part in environmental compliance.

Anyone working on post should watch their e-mail for a survey from the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment Pollution Prevention office entitled "Is Your Home an Energy Hog?" The first 20 people to fill out the survey and return it will receive an Arbor Day Foundation seedling.

Also, the Pollution Prevention office will be analyzing hazardous material inventories on post. A Pollution Prevention certificate will be awarded to the activities with the most accurate inventories containing the least old stock.

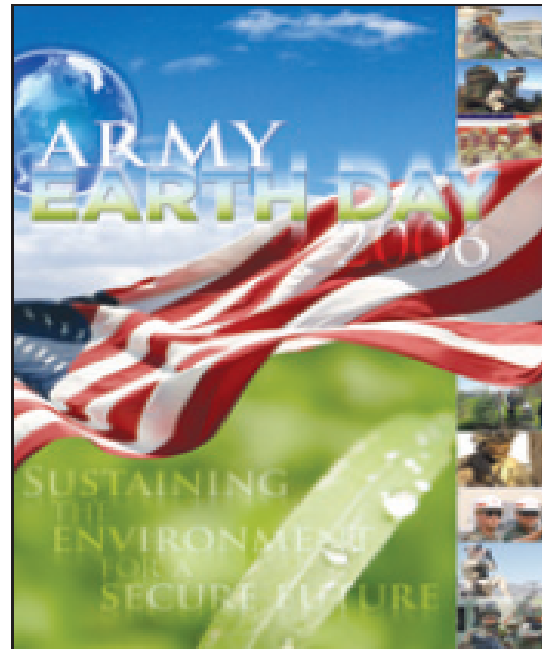
A limited number of Army Earth Day posters are available at DSHE. For more information, call 410-306-2274.

In addition, there are many events scheduled off post in celebration of the holiday.

April 1:

The Maryland Chapter of the American Chemical Society will hold its 3rd Annual Pre-Earth Day Cleanup event 9 a.m. to noon at Herring Run Park in Baltimore.

April 22:



The City of Aberdeen celebrates Earth Day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Festival Park. The day includes live music, environmental groups/vendors; recycled games and prizes; moon bounce, a rock climbing wall; free tie dye T-shirts and other featured door prizes.

Havre de Grace Maritime Museum: Learn about native plant species, the art of Bayscaping and the unique environment of the Upper Bay and Susquehanna Region 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Event is free. For more information, visit www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org or call 410-939-4800.

Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway: Annual Earth Day regional shoreline clean-up on post. Several groups will pick-up debris along the lower Susquehanna River 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free, includes lunch, and participants will receive a T-shirt. For more information, call 410-457-2482 or visit www.hitourtrails.com.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore will hold Cleanup day at Fort McHenry National Monument. Call 410-576-3851 to sign up. Space is limited.